Computer System lying unoperational at Telecom Research Centre

2541. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the computer system comprising of a main frame and a mini computer installed at the erstwhile Telecommunication Research Centre in July 1988 at the cost of Rs. 284.80 lakhs lying idle; and

(b) when it became operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

The mainframe and the minicomputers were installed at erstwhile Telecommunication Research Centre for research projects. These projects were subsequently transferred to C-DOT who did not have any use of these computers.

(b) The system became operational in July, 1988.

Withdrawal of permission for setting up of STD/ISO call booths in the country

2542. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to give permission for the setting up of STD/ISD call booths;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw those orders; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM (a) to (d) The allotment of STD/ISD PCOs which was temporarily suspended, pending review of the Policy, has been revoked on 24-7-93 after review.

उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीफोन/तारघर / डाकघर की सुविधायें

2543. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्तमान स्थिति के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐसे कितने कस्बे/गांव हैं जहां कोई टेलीफोन/तारघर/डाकघर की सुविधा नहीं है ;

(ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आजमगढ-लालगंज क्षेत्रों के ग्रामीण इलाकों में कितने डाकघर, तारघर और टेलीफान केन्द्र खोले जाने का विचार है ; और

(ग) इस कार्य के कब से आरम्भ होने और इसे पूरा करने में कितना समय लगने की संभावना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ग) ब्यौरे संकलित किये जा रहे है और सभा-पटल पर रख दिये जायेंगे

Cellular Telephone service in Bombay

2544. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of cellular telephone service in the city of Bombay; and

(b) by when it is likely to com-

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Tenders were invited from Indian companies with a vew to licence cellular mobile telephone service in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras on a non-exclusive basis. 8 bidders, two in each city, were provisionally selected. Some of the unsuccessful bidders filed a civil writ

petition in the High Court of Delhi. The Court has since delivered the judgement which is being studies. Decision in this case is expected to be taken shortly.

Installation of Telephone connections sanctioned during the Janta Regime

2545. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the fate of the telephone connections sanctioned by the Minister of Communications during the Janata regime;

(b) whether it is a fact that installation of these telephones has already been much delayed; and

(c) if so, what is the time schedule fixed for installation of these sanctioned telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As some fake sanctioned orders for out of turn telephone connections were noticed, an investigation was entrusted to the CBI and pending investigation, all the pending sanction orders as on 28-6-91 in the country were ordered to be held in abeyance.

(c) All the genuine saction orders would be given effect to after the CBI submits its report in this matter to the Department.

गुजरात में डाक सुविधायों में हुई प्रगति

2546. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में डाक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के मामले में कोई उल्लेखनीय प्रगति नहीं हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो पिछले वर्ष के दौरान किए गए उन कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके परिणामस्वरूप डाक सुविधाओं में वृद्धि हुई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) इस समय गुजरात में 8933 डाकघर सुविधाएं मुहैया कर रहे हैं योजना स्कीम के अंतर्गत उत्तरोत्तर नए डाकघर खोलकर डाक-सुविधाओं का विस्तार किया जा रहा है । 1992–93 के दौरान गुजरात में 30 अतिरिक्त विभागीय शाखा डाकघर तथा 5 विभागीय उप डाकघर खोले गए हैं ।

Telephone Services in Bombay and Delhi

2547. SRHI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of telephones in Bombay and Delhi have been lying out of order following heavy rains here;

(b) if so, what is the day-wise number of complaints registered in Bombay and Delhi from 1st June, 1993, till date;

(c) what is the number of telephones made functional each day together with the number of telephones lying out of order;

(d) whether Government are considering to introduce cable less telephone system in the country specially in Bombay and Delhi;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

TEH MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.